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EPFD responds to Condition 2 fire
Firefighters respond to Condition 2 fire at 3400 block of Gateway West Blvd.

El Paso, Texas – At approximately 3:08 a.m. on Monday March 28, the El Paso Fire Department was dispatched to a condition 2 fire at the 3400 block of Gateway West Blvd. when neighbors and passerbys called 9-1-1. Upon arriving on the scene at 3:13 a.m., crews found heavy flames coming from the back corner of a house. Firefighters began to simultaneously fight the fire and search for residents. The woman living in the house had already self-evacuated, so crews continued to fight the fire.

Firefighters were able to bring the fire under control at 3:32 a.m. and contain it to the house of origin. Damage is estimated at $90,000. The cause and origin of the fire is under investigation.

There were no injuries to residents or firefighters. A total of 10 units and 25 personnel from the El Paso Fire Department responded to this incident. El Paso Police, El Paso Electric, El Paso Planning and Inspections and Texas Gas assisted in the incident.

The house had no working smoke alarms. The El Paso Fire Department would like to remind the public about their FREE Smoke Alarm Program. In less than 30 seconds, a small flame can get completely out of control and begin filling a home with thick, black, poisonous smoke. In just a few minutes, a home can become completely engulfed with flames. With the advance notice of a working smoke alarm, residents can escape with their lives.

Residents who do not have a smoke alarm can request a FREE smoke alarm by calling 485-5699 or by visiting www.elpasotexas.gov/fire-department/services.

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